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SUBJ: VISIT OF MINISTER HISHAM NAZIR, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL
PLANNING ORGANIZATION

REF: JIDDA 2834

1. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, MR. GEORGE SHULTZ, TO
MINISTER OF STATE HISHAM NAZIR. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU PRESENTLY PLAN TO VISIT THE
UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER TO ADDRESS THE ARAB-AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COUNCIL ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK. IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS,
I HOPE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO INCLUDE A STOP IN
WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPART-
MENT OF TREASURY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER
INTERESTED OFFICES.

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IT MAY BE THAT I WILL BE DEPARTING ON A TRIP ABROAD ABOUT THE TIME YOU WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, MY DEPUTY, MR. WILLIAM E. SIMON, WHO WILL BE ACTING SECRETARY IN MY ABSENCE, AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MR. WILLIAM J. CASEY, ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH PETROLEUM AND INVESTMENT POLICY QUESTIONS. THEY HAVE IN FACT BEEN ENGAGED IN A SPECIAL STUDY OF WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY WORK WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND IN PROMOTING OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THEY WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME DURING YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY, GEORGE P. SHULTZ. END QUOTE.

2. ON BASIS OUR INFORMATION, WE UNDERSTAND NAZIR MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 13 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO ON 14TH. IN CONVEYING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY SHULTZ, YOU MAY SUGGEST THAT SEPTEMBER 13 WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOST CONVENIENT DATE FOR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. ALTERNATIVELY, NAZIR COULD SUGGEST DATE FOLLOWING HIS SAN FRANCISCO VISIT WHEN HE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON.

3. AS NAZIR WILL BE IN U.S. ON PRIVATE VISIT, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO INVITE HIM TO WASHINGTON AS GUEST OF USG. AS EMBASSY AWARE, USE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO FUND VIP VISITORS FROM SAUDI ARABIA HAS GENERALLY PROVEN UNSATISFACTORY. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS EXPECTED THAT NAZIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON WILL BE PAID FOR BY SAG WITH HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. ARRANGED DIRECTLY BY NAZIR OR THROUGH SAUDI EMBASSY WASHINGTON. ROGERS

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